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Marginal Column

By ALADDAIR DUGHAN

THE San Francisco meeting of the United Nations has produced mixed evidence about the real nature of Soviet foreign policy. On points of procedure about last month's meeting of Heads of Governments at Geneva, Mr. Molotov has proved reasonable and cooperative; (in the preparation of previous conferences where the Russians had no intention of reaching any agreement, they haggled for months about procedural questions).

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THOSE who have talked to Mr. Molotov found him much readier to listen than in the past, friendly even when talking of such problems as German rearmament and less inclined to bully his hearers. But the substance of his speech on Wednesday threw a dash of cold water over an Assembly that had talked itself into a mood of exuberant self-confidence with the help of a remarkably starry-eyed opening address by President Eisenhower last Monday. In the stilted, old-fashioned phraseology of Russian polemic, Mr. Molotov's proposals on disarmament and on Germany were an almost verbatim repetition of the Soviet Note of May 10, which, insofar as it envisages a gradual reduction of Western and Russian forces in Germany, may contain the germ of profitable negotiations, but, insofar as it concerns disarmament, is considered quite inadequate by the West.

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ALTHOUGH Mr. Molotov reiterated Russia's acceptance of the British and French proposal for limitation of conventional armaments, he again put forward proposals for the abolition of atomic weapons before the completion of the reduction of conventional weapons (which would put the West in a dangerously exposed position), and for a system of control and inspection only at major ports and terminals instead of the right of unlimited inspection which is the only basis on which the Western Powers are prepared to consider giving up atomic weapons. The only new suggestions he made were first, a rather obscure reference to the possibility of a United Nations solution to the Formosa question, which contradicts the Chinese line that Formosa is a purely domestic dispute, and secondly, a proposal for the calling of a world economic conference.

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THE general impression here is that Mr. Molotov has missed an opportunity to appear before the world as a consistent, reasonable man, and that the hard line of his speech has alarmed the delegates of Asian countries and undone much of the effect of the Bulganin-Nehru declaration in Moscow. Though Mr. Molotov has been most genial in his references to the United Nations, the effect of his speech was to turn the commemorative occasion into a political debate, for his accusations forced M. Pinay and Mr. Dulles, who spoke on succeeding days, to answer his charges. M. Pinay, who made little mark otherwise, did this with remarkable skill. Perhaps Mr. Molotov has, even so, done a service, for he brought the meeting down to earth and forced a clarification of issues, thereby stripping next month's Geneva meeting of some of the illusions that are still cherished by public opinion all over the world.

San Francisco, June 27.

Terrorists Kill 4, Wound 10 In Morocco, Algeria

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — Terrorism in North Africa claimed the lives of four Moslems in Algeria, while nine Moroccans and one Frenchman were wounded in Morocco within the past 24 hours.

In Algeria, a 17-year-old Moslem was found in the Aures Mountains with his throat cut. Other victims were two village officials and a peasant.

Many tribesmen in the Arris region of east Algeria have volunteered to fight the outlaws and are being organized in guerrilla bands to supplement the efforts of French troops, the Ministry of Interior revealed today.

Urged to Strike

Policemen and civil servants in Morocco were warned by a body calling itself the "Counter-Terrorist Defence Organization" to stop work for 48 hours. Nine persons were wounded in gun and bomb attacks last night. The assistant to the Grand Vizier, Mohammed Naciri, was wounded in both legs by a Moroccan gunman.

Most of Casablanca's European shopkeepers today ignored the strike announced to be in protest against alleged ill-treatment of 10 Europeans detained on suspicion of counter-terrorist activities. Reports from outlying districts said that some shops remained closed.

Grandval Picked For 'Toughness'

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS, (By Airmail).—M. Gilbert Grandval, the newly-appointed Resident-General for Morocco, has been selected after laborious discussions by the Government, not for his knowledge of North African affairs, nor for his political connections, but for his renowned toughness in tight places.

The new Resident-General was born 51 years ago of an old Jewish family in Alsace and was the director of a minor chemical factory before the War.

Government circles concede that his Jewish origin will be a handicap in a country where there is still a good deal of anti-Jewish feeling on the Arab side, encouraged by contact with the Pan-Arabs in Egypt and expressed in a number of pogroms against the Jewish population. There is also a good deal of old-fashioned anti-Semitism among the ultra-conservative elements of the French colony, but the Government has decided that the advantage of having a strong and intelligent administrator in Morocco outweighs this one liability.

To Reshape Policy

M. Grandval's instructions are not yet known but they will certainly include the reshaping of policy in Morocco, leaning towards cooperation with the nationalists rather along the Tunisian model. M. Grandval is not a man to be easily intimidated, and as Ambassador to the Saar, struggled to maintain French influence and authority there — making inveterate enemies among the Germans in the process. *(OPNB)*

Professional Workers Strike for Higher Pay

Jerusalem Post Staff

Twenty organizations, representing 15,000 academic workers and department heads in the employ of the Government, public and private institutions, and self-employed, yesterday struck from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to press their demands for higher wages.

The effectiveness of the strike which was opposed by the Histadrut and which was carried out despite a plea by the Government, varied in different offices.

From the Ministry of Health, for example, it was learned that everyone ordered to strike had done so, as had most Kupat Holim doctors and all members of the State Legal Service, while Ministry of Labour sources said that not one department head had struck. The Jerusalem Labour Council claimed that 70 per cent of the department heads had refused to strike and a lesser number of academic workers in clerical jobs.

Adopt 5 Resolutions

In Jerusalem, more than 500 persons crowded into the Or-Gil cinema to adopt five resolutions which

- expressed the participants' disappointment in the Government's policy and the lack of concrete proposals in the interim Guri Report;
- called for a continued fight for a basic change in the salary system which would assure professional workers a standard of living compatible with their training and ability;
- rejected the Cabinet's decision to postpone discussions on changing the system;
- disputed the charges levelled in the Knesset by the Prime Minister;
- warned that if the present policy continues, young people would desert the professions, and the intellectual standards of the country would rapidly decline.

Dr. Uriel Yadin, Director of Legislative Planning in the Ministry of Justice, who presided, said that the strike aimed at expressing the organizations' chagrin at the Government's dilatory attitude.

Raps Procedure

Dr. Elhanan Rabinovitz, chairman of the Jerusalem Medical Association, complained that the Government had recently begun to negotiate with the Histadrut instead of with the Medical Association.

The Deputy State Attorney, Mr. Ya'acov Bar-Or, said that it was ridiculous that the State Attorney should earn less than a magistrate, a Haifa Port worker or a bus driver. The bus cooperatives, without the sympathy of the general public, had managed to obtain a Government grant of IL1m., while the same Government could not find IL400,000 to give to members of the State Legal Service in the form of a IL300 advance to each member.

Mr. David Hess, Department head in the State Controller's Office, said that the Government would be reimbursed manifold for the three-hour work stoppage since the participants would return to their offices to work overtime. Department heads would not be deterred from striking by threats of dismissal, he said.

Dr. Efraim Urbach, Lecturer in Talmud at the Hebrew University, declared that the present wage structure for professionals made it virtually impossible to send a person abroad for advanced training since the fear was always present that he would prefer to stay abroad. He rejected the contention that higher salaries for professionals would launch a vicious circle of inflation. He deplored the fact that the Government saw fit to allow

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Israel-Egypt Talks On Gaza Open Today

Major-General E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, is scheduled to convene the first session of the talks to be held on reducing tension along the Gaza Strip border at 11 o'clock this morning at Kilometre 95. Gen. Burns will be accompanied by his political adviser, M. Henri Vigier.

Israel will have two delegates to the discussions, Mr. Yosef Tekoa, Director of Armistice Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, and Egan-Aluf Ya'acov Nur-Sela, senior Israel delegate to the M.A.C. with Egypt.

It is expected that the first item to be discussed will be the agenda.

Reuter reported from Cairo that the Egyptian Director of Palestinian Affairs, Colonel Salah Gohar, flew to Gaza yesterday for today's meeting.

Both Egypt, Israel 'Violated Armistice'

The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission at a meeting at Kilo 95 on the Gaza Road yesterday decided that on May 28 Egypt had flagrantly violated the Armistice Agreement when a permanent Egyptian military position fired on a routine Israel patrol moving 250 metres inside Israel. As a result of this action, an Israel command car was perforated with bullets.

The M.A.C. called on the Egyptian authorities to terminate, finally and immediately, all acts of aggression against Israel and to implement fully the Armistice Agreement.

The M.A.C. also found that Israel had shelled with field artillery and three inch mortars Egyptian positions situated in the Khan Yunis area, thus violating the G.A.A.

The M.A.C. found that unexploded grenades were discovered in two places near the Arab village of Abbassan, and that 52 impacts and fuses from artillery shells were found in the shelled position. As a result of the Israel shelling one donkey was wounded.

SIDKI IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP).—Major-General Mahmoud Sidki, Chief of Staff of the Egyptian Air Force, arrived here today for a three-day visit.

Lebanese Release Israel Ship Taken Off Tyre

An Israel vessel, the Bracha Fuld, with an eight-man crew which was detained by the Lebanese yesterday morning, was released at 5 p.m. yesterday, the Chairman of the Lebanese-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, Col. Paul Communal, informed Truce Supervision Organization headquarters in Jerusalem from Beirut.

The vessel was taken near Tyre with a cargo of 100 tons of leather, the Arab News Agency reported. She had strayed into Lebanese territorial waters, the Foreign Ministry was told. The ship was en route to Haifa from Alexandretta.

The Lebanese-Israel M.A.C. will meet today to discuss a number of items including the three hikers from Kibbutz Gonen who are being held in the Lebanon.

An agreement between Israel and the Lebanon provides for the return of all craft forced into the waters of either country because of storms or breakdown.

Bracha Fuld, a 20-year-old Hagana girl, was killed in Tel Aviv on March 26, 1946, by British police after a Hagana group had mined the approaches to a section of the beach where the refugee ship, Wingate, was due to land.

Nehru Concerned Over Situation In Indo-China

VIENNA, Monday. — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, voiced concern today about Indo-China. Speaking at a Press conference here on his arrival from Warsaw, he said that last summer's Geneva agreement seemed to be in danger of collapsing because of difficulties as regards free elections in North and South Vietnam.

The Prime Minister recalled that under the Geneva agreement, July 20, 1956, was fixed as the date for joint discussion on elections by leaders of both parts of the country. However, to date, nothing has been done about arranging these talks.

Mr. Nehru said that if there is a breakdown of procedures outlined in the Geneva agreement on Indo-China, then the entire agreement is in danger of collapsing.

Questioned by newsmen, the Premier said that India's services were always available to help decrease international tension, "but I do not go around offering them. To do so would be undiplomatic." He denied a specific question asking whether he had offered to mediate between Israel and Egypt.

Asked by a reporter to "tell us something about your visit behind the Iron Curtain," Mr. Nehru replied curtly, "I did not notice any curtain, iron or otherwise."

He indicated that a wide variety of Asian problems had come under discussion in Moscow.

The Prime Minister said he believed that the great powers are closer to agreement on disarmament problems and that there is hope of real progress. He hailed the conclusion of the Austrian state treaty as a welcome step towards the reduction of international tension. He added that he did not discuss Germany in Moscow, but thought that the Soviet invitation to Chancellor Adenauer was obviously a friendly approach. *(UP, Reuter)*

DIEM ESCAPES INJURY

SAIGON, Monday (Reuter). — Two soldiers were injured when a grenade exploded near South Vietnam's Premier, Ngo Dinh Diem, at the Quan Tre practice range yesterday.

Bonn Appeals to Youth To Back Rearmament

BONN, Monday. — The Government appealed urgently to reluctant West German youths today to support rearmament, and warned that it is the only means to "face the dangers of our situation and to maintain peace."

Unveiling for the first time details of its programme to raise a 12-division armed force of 500,000 men, the Government announced that:

All West Germans between 18 and 45 will be liable to peacetime military service; the normal military service period will be 18 months, with conscripts to be drafted usually at the age of 20; the army will total 370,000 men, and the air force 70,000, with a complement of 1,326 front-line planes.

Parliamentary control of the armed forces would be fully guaranteed, it was announced.

The statement opened the Lower House debate on a temporary stop-gap bill under which some 6,000 volunteers are to be enrolled between now and March 31, 1956. Meanwhile, the Government will seek to push through a mass of legislation to provide legal foundation for the full-sized armed forces. The Government hopes to get the volunteers bill approved before the parliamentary summer recess beginning on July 17, but it has already run into serious objections.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer this week will accept a Soviet invitation to visit Moscow, a Government spokesman announced today. He said the Chancellor will tell the Soviets that he is prepared to open diplomatic, trade and cultural relations, but will add that a number of questions must be "clarified" first. The reply will be short and will not list the questions needing clarification.

It is known that Dr. Adenauer wants the release of thousands of German prisoners; no recognition of the East German Government by Bonn; and no West German acceptance of the Oder-Neisse line as Germany's permanent eastern frontier with Poland. *(UP, Reuter)*

NATO COUNCIL TO MEET

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The North Atlantic Council will meet in Paris on July 16 for an exchange of views with the three Western Foreign Ministers before the Geneva "summit" meetings, it was announced today.

U.N.'s 10th Anniversary Meeting Stressed Common Will for Peace

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday (UP). — The U.N. began its second decade more than ever determined to keep the world at peace. This determination was the stated aim of speakers who addressed the 10th anniversary meeting of the world organization here last week. Every single speaker — there were 73 of them — agreed that the U.N. still represents the best and possibly the only hope for a permanent and lasting peace.

The final session closed yesterday afternoon with a minute of silent prayer. Then the delegates scattered to their homes and diplomatic posts all over the world.

Dr. Eelco van Kleffens, of the Netherlands, who presided over the session, summed up the feeling of the delegates: "All members... have reaffirmed their common determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

Although the meeting was supposed to be purely commemorative in nature, the eyes of the world were riveted upon the Big Four Foreign Ministers, who conferred separately and together on vital issues in the cold war.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, found proposals by the Western Big Three on procedures to be followed in Geneva acceptable. When it was learned that Russian jets had shot at an American navy plane over the Bering Strait on Friday, forcing it down, it appeared that a crisis might be in the making. But Mr. Molotov expressed his Government's regrets and said that the U.S.S.R. was willing to pay for half the damage. Mr. Dulles accepted the apology. The conciliatory tone of statements apparently ended any danger that the incident could disrupt plans for the Geneva conference.

There were a few uncomfortable moments last week. They came when President van Kleffens banged his gavel down on speakers who were critical of other countries, or groups of countries. They were not supposed to do so.

Nationalist China's delegate, Mr. George Yeh, was gavelled to a halt when he made a blistering attack on Communism and China. So was Gen. Carlos Romulo of the Philippines when he criticized Communism. Cuba's Dr. Emilio Nunez-Portuondo was rebuked for a broadside against the Russians. Foreign Minister Khaled el Azem of Syria had to down his speech when he tried to bring up the French-Arab problem in North Africa. Czechoslovakia's Vaclav David was criticized for attacking "imperialistic warmongers," specifically the U.S.

The U.N. faced criticism from smaller nations on two points the veto power vested in the Big Five, and the diplomatic impasse that has prevented admission of new countries into the U.N. It appears that these issues will arise in September when the General Assembly meets in New York.

Britain Charges Greek Incitement in Cyprus

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Britain protested to Greece today against an Athens Radio broadcast on June 21 which is alleged to have incited revolt in Cyprus, the Foreign Office announced.

The protest was delivered by the British *Charge d'Affaires* in Athens to the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Stephan Stephanopoulos. Britain's Ambassador in Greece, Sir Charles Peake, who has made earlier protests on the same grounds, is at present in London on home leave.

The spokesman described the broadcast of June 21 as "only the worst of a number."

In Nicosia, Archbishop Makarios, leader of the *enosis* campaign, declared yesterday that the duties of Cypriot priests include "leadership in the people's struggle for national freedom." He was speaking at a graduation ceremony of 18 new priests at the Cyprus Orthodox Greek Church Seminary.

A three-day conference of top Royal Air Force commanders, called by Air Marshal Sir Claude Pelly, Commander in Chief, Middle East Air Forces, began here today.

Air officers commanding the Levant (formerly Iraq), Aden, the Suez Canal Zone, and Cyprus, are attending the meeting. On the agenda are changes in the structure of the Middle East Air Command, following the closing down of R.A.F. stations in Iraq and the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on evacuation of the Canal Zone.

USSR Said Producing Planes Faster than U.S.

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Russia can put new supersonic jet planes into mass production faster than the U.S., Sen. Henry Jackson, Democrat, said yesterday.

Intelligence reports showed that Russia first designed her new inter-continental jet bombers in 1950, tested them in 1953, and began mass production last year, he added. America's new heavy jet bomber, the B 52, was started in 1948, tested in 1952, and production began only last year. As Chairman of the Senate House Atomic Sub-Committee on Military Applications, Sen. Jackson has been receiving secret testimony from defence, intelligence and atomic officials.

All the evidence indicates that the Russians have been able to move from the stage of design to mass production more quickly than the U.S., he declared.

Chinese MIG's Down Nationalist Airliner

TAIPEH, Monday (Reuter). — Chinese MIG jet fighters today attacked a Chinese Nationalist commercial airliner near Matau Island, off the mainland, and forced it to make an emergency landing on nearby Dog Island, the planes' owners announced here today.

Reports said an American doctor, the only passenger aboard the airliner, had been injured, and is in a serious condition.

A Nationalist amphibian plane which took off to help the aircraft was also fired on by MIG fighters, but landed safely. The airliner, which had a crew of four, had been chartered by the U.S. military assistance advisory group.

Granados Arriving Here Today

Guatemala's first envoy to Israel, Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, is arriving in the s.s. Messapia this morning to open his country's first legation here.

Dr. Granados who is 55, first came to Israel as the Guatemalan delegate to the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine, where he took a leading part in drawing up the majority recommendations, which became the basis of the U.N. decision of November 27, 1947 on the creation of the Jewish State.

After relinquishing his post as head of the Guatemalan delegation to the U.N. in 1948, Dr. Granados was one of the candidates in the 1950 Guatemalan presidential elections. He visited Israel again in 1952, and was named Minister-designate last autumn.

Gen. Catroux On Visit to Israel

Gen. Georges Catroux, former Minister of Air in the French Cabinet of M. Pierre Mendes-France, arrived at Lydda Airport last night.

He is well known in Palestine as Free French High Commander and Gen. de Gaulle's representative in the Middle East in 1940, and Commander of the Free French Forces in the Levant from 1941 to 1943. Among other positions he has held in a long career, Gen. Catroux, 78, was Governor-General of Indo-China up to 1940, Governor-General of Algeria in 1944, and French Ambassador to Soviet Russia from 1945 to 1948.

Tito Accepts Invitation To Visit Russia

BELGRADE, Monday. — President Tito has accepted an invitation to visit the Soviet Union, the semi-official Yugopress news agency said today.

The announcement came shortly after representatives of the U.S., Britain, France and Yugoslavia had issued a statement declaring that the existence of a strong and independent Yugoslavia was a contribution to peace and security.

In a communique issued after a three-day conference between them, the four Governments said they were agreed that solutions to outstanding problems in the world should be sought for by peaceful means and negotiations, based on the right of all nations to independence, equality, self-defence and collective security in conformity with the United Nations Charter.

"They will continue to do all in their power to promote such solutions," the four countries pledged.

The communique, which closely echoed recent "five-point" declarations here and elsewhere, was issued after the ambassadors of the Western Powers, Mr. James Riddleberger (U.S.), Sir Frank Roberts (Britain) and M. Francois Coulet (France) met the Yugoslav Acting Foreign Secretary, Mr. Srdjan Prica, in conference on Friday, Saturday and today. *(Reuter, UP)*

Pickets Keep London Dock Strike Going

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — A mass march on the capital by 300 striking dockers from North of England ports today succeeded in keeping the strike going in the London docks, where 3,000 of the 7,000 men involved yesterday decided to return to work.

The marchers had travelled by coach last night from Liverpool, Manchester and Birkenhead to London. They assembled some miles from the docks, and waving banners and union cards, then marched to the waterfront. Half formed themselves into picket lines, while the others paraded the streets in the area shouting "stay out" slogans. Later, London dock authorities reported that 91 ships were idle and 10 worked part time.

The strikers are seeking full recognition for a stevedores union which has broken away from the giant Transport and General Workers Union.

The dockers who voted to return to work, decided at a meeting today to stay solid with their northern comrades. The decision was a blow to the Government which is seriously worried by the effect the long dispute is having on the vital export trade.

18 Foehrenwald DP's Coming to Israel

MUNICH, Monday (INA). — A group of 18 residents of Foehrenwald, the last Jewish D.P. camp on German soil, left for settlement in Israel, where housing has already been assured them through the cooperation of the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, with funds derived from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims.

Among the group are four "illegal returnees" — former D.P.'s who immigrated to Israel and then returned to Germany in the hope of being able to emigrate to another country.

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Social & Personal

Senator Everett M. Dirksen and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson, were the guests for tea at the home of Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in Jerusalem yesterday. Later the guests went on a short tour of Jerusalem, accompanied by Mr. Y. Herzog, Director of the U.S. Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The Prime Minister also received yesterday Dr. Norman Salit, President of the Synagogue Council of America, who handed to him a scroll of appreciation from the Council.

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The British Ambassador and Mrs. John Nicholls and other members of the diplomatic corps were present at the Israel and British Commonwealth Association dance held at the Dan Hotel last night.

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Mr. Robert Gottlieb, Managing Director of PICA, visited several PICA villages in the Samaria district yesterday.

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ARRIVAL: Dr. S. M. Kupchan, of Harvard University, as guest of the Technion, to attend the Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products at the Technion City on Mt. Carmel, today and tomorrow.

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Dr. E. Alexander-Katz, chairman of the Israel Political Sciences Association, is to lecture on "International Tax Comparison" at 8.30 tonight, at Ratisbonne, Hall 73. Dr. S. Moses, State Controller, will be in the chair.

Peki'in Welcomes The President

The inhabitants of Ein Ya'acov and Peki'in, the oldest Jewish village in Israel, turned out in force yesterday to welcome the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi during their tour of Jewish National Fund work villages in Galilee.

The President evinced particular interest in Peki'in, which had been resettled by new immigrants through the J.N.F. on his initiative. Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were told of land amelioration and other activities furthered by the J.N.F. in the area by Mr. Y. Nahmani, its Galilee director.

The tour ended with a picnic under an ancient oak tree midway between Tiberias and Nazareth.

Tributes to Koebner At Historians Meeting

Warm tributes to Professor Richard Koebner were paid by the speakers at the opening session on Sunday evening of a Conference of Historians held on the occasion of his retirement from the Chair of Modern History at the Hebrew University. The large gathering which filled the Dinur Hall of the Teachers Seminary at Beit Hakerem included University teachers and graduates, of the latter many now being teachers of history in secondary schools.

Dr. V. Tcherikover, Professor of Ancient History at the Hebrew University, presided, and greetings were delivered by Professor B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University, and Dr. H. H. Ben-Sassoon, Instructor in Jewish History. Apologies for his inability to attend were conveyed on behalf of the Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Benzion Dinur.

The session was concluded after Professor Koebner had delivered a highly instructive lecture on his experiences as a teacher and researcher in modern history and the problems he had encountered in both capacities.

The Conference, which was held under the joint auspices of the University's Department of History and the Department of Secondary Education in the Ministry of Education and Culture, continued throughout yesterday with discussions on problems concerned with historical research and the teaching history.

Papers were read by Dr. A. Fuks on "Slavery as a Factor in the Athenian Economy of the Fifth Century"; Dr. H. Wirszubski on "New Explanations of the Augustean Principate Minority"; Dr. Y. Prawer — "The Social Structure and Regime in the Crusader State"; Dr. Y. Talmon — "St. Simonism as a Source of 19th Century Thought" and Mr. Y. Arieli on "America's Mission — The Crystallization of a National Group." Each lecture was followed by a debate. Dr. M. Ziv, Director of Secondary School Education in the Ministry of Education and Culture, spoke on the structure of history studies in the secondary schools.

Colleagues and students of Professor Koebner held a reception in his honour at the Artists House on Sunday night.

SADEH MEMORIAL

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A public committee to perpetuate the memory of Aluf Yitzhak Sadeh has been set up on the initiative of the Negev settlements bearing his name, Nir Yitzhak and Mashavei Sadeh, with the active participation of Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi. It was announced here yesterday.

On Wednesday, the third anniversary of the death of Aluf Sadeh and the fifth anniversary of the foundation of Nir Yitzhak, the corner-stone of a memorial will be laid.

The "action" subcommittee consists of Dr. Yohanan Rattner, Chairman; Aluf Shimon Avidan; Aluf Yigal Alon; Mr. Nathan Alterman; Mr. David Tuviyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, and Mr. Eliezer Shostani.

SALK. — Americans for Democratic Action have charged the Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, with "fantastic fumblings" over the Salk polio vaccine programme and called for her dismissal.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post June 28, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Goitein, Landau and Berinson.

Menahem Medan, Petitioner, v. 1. Ramle Municipal Council, 2. Ilon Cinema Co., 3. Ramle Cinema, Respondents (H.C.21/55).

Licence Cannot be Denied on Economic Grounds

The High Court made absolute an order *nisi* against the first respondents calling on them to show cause why they should not grant the petitioner a licence to open a cinema in Ramle.

The Ramle Municipal Council rejected Mr. Medan's application for a licence for an open-air cinema on the grounds that next door to the place on which he wished to have his cinema there already existed an indoor cinema — Cinema Ramle — and the Municipal Licensing Board feared that the opening of another cinema in such close proximity would ruin the livelihood of the disabled servicemen who owned the existing cinema. The Municipality, feeling it to be well within the scope of its duties to concern itself with the economic well-being of its residents in general and of its disabled in particular, therefore refused to grant a licence for a new cinema.

More than two years prior to this final decision, the Municipality had informed the petitioner that it would consider his application favourably if he could come to some arrangement with the owners of the Cinema Ramle. After failing in his efforts to comply with this direction because the disabled servicemen would agree to nothing short of his dropping his scheme entirely, Mr. Medan again applied for a licence and received a final refusal.

He applied to the High Court of Justice, for an order *nisi* against the Municipality, which was granted on May 24, 1955. The Ilon and Ramle Cinema Companies were subsequently allowed to be joined as second and third respondents in view of the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Alkalai appeared for the petitioner, Mr. Elkayam for the Ramle Municipality, and Mr. Olshansky for the second and third respondents.

Decision

The High Court decision was delivered by Justice Berinson who pointed out that the decision in H.C. 232/53 (Pinkas 15/231) had laid it down that economic considerations could not be taken into account by Municipal Councils whose Licensing Boards could not refuse to grant business licences for fear of competition which was likely to affect adversely existing businesses. As for the argument submitted by the respondents' counsels that special rules prevailed with regard to places of public entertainment, which were based on the Public Entertainments Ordinance, 1935, Justice Berinson disagreed that the Municipality's reasons for refusing the licence had been based on its desire to regulate arrangements with regard to cinemas in its municipal boundaries. Even if it were argued that the power to regulate a certain type of business included the power to limit the number of such businesses — a submission upon which he did not choose to express any definite opinion — this was not what the Municipality had wished to do. It had not laid down what maximum number of cinemas could be opened in the Ramle district, proof of this emanating from the fact that it had been prepared to give the petitioner a licence if he could come to some suitable arrangement with the rival cinemas.

As to the question of whether the opening of a new cinema conflicted with the interests of existing cinemas, Justice Berinson held that it was not for the Municipality to make suggestions for peaceable co-existence. He expressed particular surprise at the fact that just the Ramle Municipality, which had previously attempted to restrict licensing for similar reasons and had been prevented from so doing by the High Court, (H.C. 56/53) should not have learnt from this experience.

The order *nisi* was declared absolute and the first respondents ordered to grant the petitioner a licence to open a cinema, subject to the regulations laid down in the Public Entertainments Ordinance. Costs of IL.75 were imposed on the three respondents jointly.

Decision given on June 13, 1955.

Where to go

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★ **Exhibitions:—**
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition of the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Naharlya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 28 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

"Miserere" by Georges Rouault. In the Hermann Shulman Hall: American Contemporary Paintings. Exhibit of the Month: Vase Ceramic Gold Lustre, Kashan School (Persia) 13th century. (New acquisition of the Museum). Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6.

Paintings and Sculptures by Robert Bager. Drawings by Jerusalem Artists. Artists House, 10-1, 4-7

Paintings by Jacques Heller and Sculptures by Jacob Lasry. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Malmon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.

Children's Handicraft; Artisans Centre, Agrippa's Way. 8.30 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour, New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show:—**
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:—**
1) Aaron Priwer — Sculptures. 2) Lauda Padoa (Venice, Italy) — Paintings. 3) Rubin (Retrospective Show), Museum, 10-1, 4-7.

Paintings by Yeshayahu Dror, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Dizengoff Rd., 10-1, 3-7.

★ **Theatre:—**
Cameri Theatre, "The Good Soul from Szechuan," Mograbi, 8.30.

Cameri Theatre, "The Rain-Maker," New Cameri Hall, 8.30. Ohel "They Knew What They Wanted."

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," Habimah, 8.30.

★ **Entertainment:—**
Cocktail Bar; nightly programme.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Ayala and Sam Zacks collection. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 9-1, 4-6. Daily: Conducted Tours at 11.30 a.m. 6 and 8 p.m. Fortnightly exhibit: Miron Simcolours, woodcuts. Permission is granted to the public to copy paintings exhibited in the Municipal Museum, from 7 p.m.

LYDDA

Idishe Folks Bine with Diana Blumenfeld and Jonas Turkow in "Bure Beindl from Jechupetz." "Hahamisha" Hall, 9 p.m.

JAFFA

Dina Halperin in "The Witch," Noga Hall, 8.30 p.m.

KIRYAT HAIM

Habimah, "King Lear" 8.30 p.m.

RISHON-LE-ZION

Do-Re-Mi, "Ball at Savoy."

NAHARIYA

Cameri Theatre, "Pantomime" (Programme No. 2), 8.30 p.m.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
822, 248, 36.8 & 43.8 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m. 1.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.35 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.50 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 Oriental Music. 4.15 Programme for Hospitals. 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.20 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Immigrants' Settlements. 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Georg Singer. Soloist: Ordeon Partos. "Le Tombeau de Couperin (Ravel); "Sephardic Lullaby" (Paul Ben-Haim); Viola Concerto in D-major (Karl Stamitz); "Palestinella," Suite (Stravinsky). 10.30 Short Story. 10.40 Nocturne. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
491, 480, 226, 214, 49.9 & 25.5 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.00 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.35 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Turkish. 8.15 Persian. 8.30 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.8 M.); (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 The Jerusalem Forum. 7.05 Sonata of the Hague. 7.15 Close Down.

13.00 p.m. News. 13.10 "This also Happened." 13.15 Yosepha Schocken. 13.30 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 220 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Dew and Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 Corps to Corps. 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 Short Sketch. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.43, 16.95, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. "This England" Art Chronicle.

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HAIFA: Rassbam, 29 Arlosoroff, 2274. New British, 47 Jaffa. **KIRYAT BIALIK:** Zevulun. **SAFAD:** Ha'ari. **NAHARIYA:** Merkaz.

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CAPITAL. — The Arab Bank has asked the Jordan Government for permission to increase its registered capital from 1.1m. dinars to 2m.

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AT THE CINEMA

THE Haifa Film Festival opened with a couple of Israel films at the May Cinema. The first, "Symphony of a City," a Haifa documentary, was modelled on Ruttmann's "Berlin." Excellent photography; incidental music which often, particularly in the "Phoenicia" sequences, understood music's function in cinema. But where was Haifa? One had the impression of a busy, go-ahead industrial port but it could have been any such town in a fairly hot climate. The word "documentary" presupposes a journalistic slant to give it backbone and one missed a specific local approach. We left with the memory of a highbrow travelogue.

The second, the feature "Every Stone a Mile" had its weaknesses — prolixity, loose ends (the second girl was unnecessary), absence of sharp, clean cutting. On the other hand, it is the first film, to my knowledge, made in Israel, by Israelis, for Israelis and no eye especially cocked on outside applause. Its plot is that of the driver anxious to own his own truck getting a start, having that start in life spoiled by the exigencies of a liberation movement, forced unwillingly into the movement, then gradually accepting it with a stoicism leading to dedication. The plot breaks new ground in Israel subjects and at the same time forms the first attempt to see the War of Liberation with historical objectivity. Realism was heightened by Yadin's staccato, undeclamatory performance. "Every Stone a Mile" deserves marks and, if the temptation to export it is resisted and, its director, Laheis, continues to improve this style, we shall very soon get somewhere. *H.*

Moving Child Actor

THE British film "Mandy" (Armon, Haifa) is the moving story of the heartbreaks and triumphs involved in the early education of a little deaf-mute girl. There are some heart-warming scenes, and under the skilful direction of Alexander Mackendrick, young Mandy Miller gives a remarkably realistic and touching performance as the deaf child. Phyllis Calvert, Jack Hawkins, and Nancy Price are particularly good in a cast which includes several of Britain's leading stage actors. This is a picture full of humanity about real people with real problems, something rare indeed in contemporary cinema. *J. L.*

Super-Duper de Mille

IN "Demetrius and the Gladiators," (Orion, J'lem) sequel of the "Robe," the pious valet of the late tribune Marcellus turns existentialist but there are borrowings from Robert Graves as well as from J. P. Sartre. The teaching of history will become increasingly difficult if Hollywood continues to feature well-documented events in open contradiction to the textbooks. Whom shall the children trust?

Michael Rennie towers about a crowd of famous ham-actors. Technicolor plus Cinemascope results in Super-duper Cecil de Mille, but no football fan will believe that the gladiators wined and dined (and girls too) the night before an important match.

Sharav Proposition

"ALINA" (Arnon, J'lem) is recommended to all who like to gaze upon the snowy Alps in an air-conditioned hall. The action is "hot," spiced with jealous love, some murder and, for a change, suspense and an unpredictable ending. Gina Lollobrigida has learned to act and she is quite plausible as an unsophisticated country girl. The "hero" is handsome Amadeo Nazzari. Elderly people who read German in their youth may suspect that Italian script manufacturers have become avid readers of the once popular Bavarian writer Ludwig Ganghofer. *T.A.F.M.*

Agency Studies How To Increase Immigration

The necessity for doubling the existing rate of immigration was stressed by Mr. Y. Braginsky at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Braginsky spoke on the absorption programme for the coming year and analysed the situation of Jews in the Diaspora, particularly in North Africa.

The Executive requested its Management Committee to study methods of implementing increased immigration from the standpoint of absorption standards, the raising of funds and the immigration structure.

Mr. Best Locker, Chairman of the Executive, greeted Dr. A. Granott on the occasion of his 65th birthday and his appointment to the Hebrew University staff.

Yesterday's Press

Noisy Overture to Gaza Talks

The Gaza Strip border talks to be held today at Kilometre 96 are the subject of comment by most papers which all note that the end-the-tension meetings are being preceded by an overture of explosions. This, points out "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), shows that Egypt is in no need of discussions and has no intentions of cooperating.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) points out that the delegation, led by Gohar, could not carry on the top-level talks that Israel asked for and chances are that it has not been empowered to make any real decisions. Israel's reservation should be that nothing can substitute for top-level representation and Egypt's refusal to accede must place the responsibility for the situation squarely on her shoulders.

Mufti-Inspired Attacks

"Hamodia" (World Aguda) believes the Gaza attacks were inspired by Haj Amin and notes that these have become more intense with Egypt's agreement to sit down and talk. Israel, the paper says, should be warned against making concessions, and the danger of an impasse should be clearly pointed out to the Egyptians.

"Herut", on the other hand, says that the Egyptians know that the greater the provocation the more Israel is apt to make concessions. Eban's "100 Years of Peace" proposal is one of those concessions which make Israel a laughing stock; the paper concludes that self-restraint has never solved the problem, nor will it solve the problem now: the only remedy is the annexation of the Strip.

"Davar" (Histadrut) fails to understand anyone's violent reaction to the Guri Report and takes the academic workers to task for not heeding the Histadrut ruling. We might at this juncture have looked forward to a pacification of the spirits, says the paper, but certain circles have unfortunately decided to proceed with extreme measures instead.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda), pointing out that the professionals were loth to take up the strike weapon, blames the Coalition for its wage-freeze policy and warns that the present state of affairs should not be passed on as an heirloom to the next Government. "Hamodia" stresses the gravity of the situation and states that it cannot believe that budgetary considerations alone stand in the way of meeting the strikers' demands.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda), that neither of the Ministers that are likely to be elected to the Mayoralty of Tel Aviv will be prone to leave his or her Government post. Consequently, the job will be passed on to someone else, to the detriment of the city and its citizens.

"Omer" (Histadrut), on the other hand, notes that a certain fillip has been given to municipal elections with all sides presenting the best candidate they could offer, a sign that the interests of municipalities are at last coming into their own. The paper points to the great strides made in Haifa in the past few years and believes that a Mapai victory in Tel Aviv will redound to that city's benefit.

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Sport Round The World

Hungary won the 1955 European basketball championships in Budapest, according to the official Hungarian News Agency MTI. Final positions were: Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Bulgaria, Poland, Italy, Rumania, Yugoslavia, France, Finland, Turkey, England, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Germany and Denmark.

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Squaw Valley resort in California was officially chosen as the arena for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games, narrowly defeating Innsbruck, Austria, in an International Olympic Committee ballot. The winter olympiad has gone out of Europe only once before — in 1952, when it took place at Lake Placid, U.S. The world skiing championships of 1958 will go to Bad Gastein, Austria.

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Raoul Macias, world bantamweight champion, according to the National Boxing Association, was beaten for the first time in his career when he was knocked out in the third of a ten-round bout here. The shock result was brought about by Bill Peacock with a left hook, which put the 3 to 1 favourite down for the count, midway through the third round. Macias beat Peacock on a technical knockout in nine rounds early last year.

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A world weightlifting record of 123 kilograms, for the two-hand snatch (lightweight) was set by Nikolai Kostilev (Soviet Union), during a weightlifting competition between the United States and the Soviet Union. The previous record of 122.5 Kgs. was set by Kostilev, last year.

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Harold Connolly, a Boston University graduate student with a withered left arm, won the New England A.A.U. championship with a hammer throw of 61.398 metres. On April 30, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Connolly threw the hammer 61.65 metres. The recognised American record is 59.589 metres, set by Martin Engel, of New York University, in 1953. *(Reuter).*

Bad Light Halts Cricket Test

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Bad light, which almost transformed day into night confined play to an hour before lunch on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between England and South Africa. Play stopped in the dramatic Test, with South Africa needing 137 to win, with probably only six wickets left.

Cheetham, who had a bone in his left elbow chipped when he was struck by Trueman's last ball of the day on Saturday, is not expected to bat.

Scoreboard: England, 128 and 383; South Africa, first innings, 304, second innings continued, (Saturday 17 for two). Cheetham retired, H. Tayfield, caught Evans, bowled Statham, 2. MacClean, not out, 20, extras, 9.

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HAIFA, Monday. — Exports through Haifa Port last week fell to 2,375 tons, including 865 tons of cement sent in almost equal quantities to Turkey and Ethiopia.

Altogether, 44 different commodities were sent to 20 countries. They included 400 tons of superphosphate to Cyprus; 767 tons of scrap iron and tin to Holland and Germany, and small quantities of plate glass, cellophane, shoulderpads, lead stamps, melons, tires, and medicine.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ARNON: Alma.
EDEN: Knights of the Round Table. 2nd week.
EDISON: "Les Deux Vertes."
ORGIL: Phantom of the Rue Morgue.
ORNA: Giuseppe Verdi, 3rd week.
ORION: Demetrius and the Gladiators.
RON: "L'Heroique Bonifacc."
STUDIO: "Jeux Interdits." 2nd week.
TEL OR: Hertzen's West.
ZION HALL: "Les Enfants de l'Amour." 2nd week.

TEL AVIV

At 4, 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

ALLENBY: Lydia Bailey.
CHEN: Sabrina, 2nd week.
ESTHER: The Long, Long Trailer.
MIGDALOR: Peter Pan.
MOGRABI: The Egyptian, 3rd week.
OPHIR: Flame and the Flesh, 2nd week.
ORION: Beachhead.
TAMAR: Little Boy Lost. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.
YAFON: "Le Monton a Cinq Pattes" 2nd week.
ZAMIR: Take the High Ground. Continuous from 10 a.m.: The Yellow Ribbon.

HAIFA

ORAH: This Man is Dangerous
ARMON: Mandy.
ORLY: "Moulin Rouge."
EN DOR: I Love Melvin. Matinee: "El Medi el Marheul."
ORION: Fighter Attack.
ATHENA: Rhapsody, 4th week.
PEER: A Bullet is Waiting.
GAL OR: Down Argentine Way. 2nd week. Matinee: Yes Sir, That's My Baby.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Adventures of Haji Baba.

Notice to the Public

The Scholarship Programme for Secondary Educational Institutions and Institutions of Higher Learning of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency, P.O.B. 292, Jerusalem.

1 — The above Scholarship Programme sees its duty to financially aid deserving children of new immigrants and children of the Oriental Communities, in order to permit them to continue studying after completing elementary school (secondary schools and vocational schools) in Teachers' Institutes and other institutions of higher education. In 1954 1,700 stipends were granted and in 1955 2,100. The programme will continue its activities and broaden its scope during the following year.

2 — If the achievements and their financial situation warrant it, students who received programme scholarships in 1955 will continue to do so in 1956.

These students are asked to see that the administration of the institution which they are attending will inform the above Scholarship Programme of their achievements, and the Programme will in turn inform them, without special request, about the granting of the stipends.

3 — The list of 1955 elementary school graduates, who on the basis of the investigation held by the Ministry of Education and Culture in April 1955, were found worthy of receiving stipends from the above fund, were sent to the elementary school. Students can obtain information about receiving stipends from their school principals.

4 — Students who came to Israel in 1955, who are not listed and who have completed elementary school and wish to further their education should apply, with suitable certificates to the Scholarship Programme, Ministry of Education and Culture, Jerusalem.

5 — Candidates, who are the children of new immigrants or from Oriental Communities, who have completed secondary school, and who wish to continue their studies at teachers' institutes, or kindergarten teachers who have completed 11 classes of secondary school, should apply to the Scholarship Programme, Ministry of Education and Culture.

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Eilat	39	35	36	36

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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85 IMMIGRANTS from North Africa, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Canada arrived in Haifa on the s.s. Artza yesterday. The newcomers left immediately for agricultural settlements or to join relatives. One group is joining Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha in the Western Negev.

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THE CASE of Ruth Hacohen and her accomplices was yesterday passed to the District Court by Magistrate B. Giladi at the conclusion of the preliminary investigation in Tel Aviv. She is charged with using a passport not belonging to her, and obtaining an exit visa by false pretences.

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FOR SPEEDING in a built-up area in June last year, Mr. S. Bejarano, M.K., (General Zionist) was on Sunday fined IL50 by Tel Aviv Magistrate I. Zeligson.

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DOCTORS are obliged to report cases of venereal disease to a district Government physician within 12 hours of treatment, according to a circular issued to all physicians this week by the Ministry of Health.

$6m. TRADE PACT WITH HOLLAND

A commercial agreement between Israel and Holland was signed yesterday in Jerusalem after negotiations between a Dutch delegation headed by Dr. C. W. Inzinger, of the Dutch Economic Ministry, and an Israel delegation headed by Mr. M. Bartur, Director of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The new agreement, the sixth to be signed by the two countries since 1949, provides for an exchange of goods to a total value of 22.5m. Dutch florins ($6m.) by each party, as compared with 17m. Dutch florins ($4.5m.) reached in the implementation of last year's agreement.

Israel's main purchases, as previously, will be foodstuffs, edible and industrial oil, chemicals, raw materials and machinery. She will export citrus and possibly fertilizers, tires, glass and cloth.

This country will continue to enjoy the privilege of raising capital in Holland for investment here through the sale of Bonds, the transference to Israel of proceeds of Zionist fund raising and the capital of Dutch Jews coming here to settle.

The agreement is for one year from May 1, 1955, but is subject to automatic renewal.

Border Being Scoured For Mosquitoes

Health officers in Israel and Jordan are now conducting comprehensive examinations on each side of the border in the Bethlehem area to determine the source of culex mosquito infection.

This step was decided upon by Dr. R. Klezmer, Assistant Jerusalem District Health Officer, and Dr. Filaktopulos, his opposite number in Jordan, at a meeting at Mandelbaum Gate last week. It followed a Jordan complaint that the mosquitoes were infesting the Bethlehem area.

Israel is at work in the wadi that runs along the railroad tracks, while Jordan is examining the area between the Beit Safafa, Sharafat and Husan villages. A meeting will be held at Mandelbaum Gate tomorrow to discuss further steps in the light of the results.

BREAD COMMITTEE REPORT DUE SHORTLY

The report of the Argov "Bread Committee" is expected to be released in the next few days, the Commerce Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The committee is understood to have recommended certain liberalizations in controls on the price of white bread.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Eggs: 4, Feb 26, temp. 6.

TEL AVIV and SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Geese: 400 grs. Tav Bet 27, temp. 44. For expectant mothers, 750 grs. coupons 11, 13 sack. Old people: 500 grs. Mem Heh 16. Sick persons: 500 grs. Het Bet 12. Het Aleph 2. Meat: 100 grs. Tav Bet 13, temp. 29. Sick persons, 500 grs. Het Gimmel 24.

HAIFA and NORTHERN DISTRICT, HADERA SUB-DISTRICT — Eggs: 2, Feb 18, temp. 6. Expectant mothers: 16, coupons 29, 30. Sick persons: 4, Het Aleph 3; 2 Het Bet 12; 2 Het Gimmel 24. Poultry: 250 grs. chicken or 400 grs. goose, Tav Bet 27, temp. 30. Expectant mothers, 750 grs. chicken, Heh 12; Old people, 500 grs. chicken, Mem Heh 16; Sick persons, Het Aleph 2, Het Bet 12, 500 grs. chicken for each coupon. Replacement for meat: 2 eggs. Tav Bet 13, tet p. 29.

Knesset Bars Municipal Workers From Taking Outside Jobs

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Municipal employees are forbidden to engage in outside employment under an amendment to the Municipalities Ordinance which was passed by the Knesset yesterday. A number of jobs are excepted from the general ban. These are: unpaid public employment; scientific, literary or artistic work without any regular commitment; and investment of capital which does not involve any work.

In special cases, municipal councils are entitled to permit outside employment, provided that it meets certain conditions, such as: it does not interfere with the regular job, does not compete unfairly with persons who are not municipal employees, does not involve any connection with persons or companies who have commercial or financial business with the Municipality.

The punishment for contravention of the law is a fine equivalent to three times the amount of money illegally earned.

The amendment, which also broadens the authority of the Minister of Interior to disperse municipal councils and to announce new elections, was opposed only by the Communists. It was presented by Mr. N. Heth, Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Care of Mentally Ill

The Bill for the Care of the Mentally Ill was passed unanimously. It sets forth the conditions under which patients will be accepted and discharged by mental hospitals and makes provision for the administering of the patient's affairs.

An amendment by the Minister of Health, Mr. J. Serlin, was adopted, which gives the district psychiatrist the right to "set forth the conditions of hospitalization." The Bill was presented by Dr. A. Altman, Chairman of the Public Services Committee.

Also adopted unanimously was the Social Welfare Bill which prescribes the procedure for the representation of minors, the mentally ill and missing persons in courts of law. Mr. M. Unna, chairman of the Legislation Committee, said it gave legal sanction to what has been the actual practice.

Polling Places

Presenting the fourth amendment to the Knesset Election Law, the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, said he hoped that it would be the last. The Bill authorizes the establishment of additional polling places where the number of voters at any one place is over 1,000. The change was necessitated by the addition of many names to voters' registers after appeals.

Although there was practically no opposition to this section of the Bill, there was considerable criticism of the clause which authorizes the Chairman of the Central Elections Committee (Justice Agranat) to order, on Election Day itself, the setting up of a second ballot box in polling stations where exceptionally long queues form.

Mr. Rosen, winding up the debate said that after hearing Dr. Y. Bader (Herut), who had been a member of the Central Electiong Committee four years ago, he had to admit that because of the haste with which the Bill had been drawn up it was possible that he had not understood the Government's wish in the matter. If the Legislation Committee wished to strike out the section that had been criticized, the Government would have no objection.

Maternity Benefits

An amendment to the National Insurance Law was passed which provides that mothers of twins will receive a maternity benefit of IL80 instead of the usual IL55; mothers of triplets will receive IL105. The Bill also makes minor changes in workmen's compensation insurance.

The Knesset passed the first reading of an amendment to the Customs and Excise Law which gives the Knesset the authority to approve only part of an administrative order raising customs duty or excise or fixing them for the first time. Under the present law, the Knesset must approve or reject the order in its entirety.

An amendment to the Agricultural Property Tax Ordinance was passed to the Finance Committee. It authorizes official assessors to prepare property registers by settlements rather than by villages.

SLIGHT RISE IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The average daily number of unemployed increased by 200 to stand at 8,550 in the week ending June 17, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. Of this figure 6,437 were unskilled labourers and 2,010 were women.

Haifa was the largest centre of unemployment with 1,340; Tel Aviv, 1,126; Jerusalem, 732; Ramat Gan, 528; Rishon le Zion, 336; and Rehovot, 307.

The Labour Relations Department in the Ministry released figures yesterday showing that the number of labour disputes was 29 per cent higher in May than in April, but the number of workers involved (141) was 17 per cent less.

Nearly 600 From Soviet Zone

Almost 600 persons have immigrated to Israel from countries behind the Iron Curtain in the year ending March 31, 1955, the Minister of Interior told the Knesset at question time last night. Other questions dealt with the use of police force to transport unwilling immigrants to settlements, and a "private fund" of Mayor A. Khoushy of Haifa.

Replying to Mr. G. Flesch (General Zionist), Mr. Rokach said that the immigrants were elderly parents and relatives of Israel residents. He had no reason to fear that this type of immigration would stop in the future, and he declared that the Government would, in the future, as in the past, do all in its power to gain the right of immigration for Jews in East European countries.

The Minister said the breakdown was as follows: U.S.S.R., 34 immigrants; Poland, 151; Rumania, 76; Bulgaria, 329; Yugoslavia, 7; Czechoslovakia, 26; Hungary, 142; Total, 597.

(There was objection from Mapam and Communist benches when Mr. Rokach used the phrase "Iron Curtain," and Dr. Sneh wanted to know how many immigrants had come from the U.S.)

Shitreet Denies Charge

The Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitreet, denied that the police had forcibly transported 85 Moroccan immigrants to Lachish. Replying to Dr. M. Sneh (Communist) and Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam), he said that all the police had done was to remove the immigrants from the port area after they refused to leave it.

Mr. S.B. Bassoon (General Zionist) questioned Mr. Rokach about reports that Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa had a private fund, to which payments were made for municipal services, and which was not under public control.

Mr. Rokach replied that at his request the District Representative had written the Mayor asking that he stop collecting fees for granting relaxations in the building regulations, or for permitting kiosks to sell ahprita.

"I regret that in spite of my demands and in spite of the Mayor's promise there is foundation for the belief that the collection of money for the Mayor's fund is continuing."

Non-Confidence Motion On Kastner Issue

The Knesset today is scheduled to hear motions of non-confidence in the Government presented by Herut and the Communists in connection with the Greenwald-Kastner case.

Motions for the agenda on the same subject, presented by the General Zionists, Mapam, and the Communists, will not be heard since the Presidium yesterday rejected their urgency.

Mr. Meir Argov, Mapai M.K., in a statement issued yesterday, asserted that some of the reports of his speech in Tel Aviv on Saturday in connection with the Greenwald-Kastner case were false and libellous.

He had made it clear, the statement says, that he would not say a word about the case as it applied to Kastner as an individual, until the High Court had ruled on the appeal.

What he had said was that there was no judge in the Jewish world able to render judgment on those who were in Europe under Nazism, and on how they should have acted. Nor was there any Jew who can take upon his conscience to judge them from here.

Suspended Term, Fine Given for Perjury

The Chairman of the Abu Ghosh Local Council, Mohammed Rashid Abu Ghosh, was yesterday given a three-month suspended sentence and was fined IL350 for perjury before the High Court.

The Jerusalem District Court, Mr. Y. Cohen, found in his judgment that Mohammed Rashid had perjured himself during the hearing of an injunction filed by an infiltrator when he had stated that he had seen the infiltrator in his village during the three years preceding the hearing. Mr. D. Levin appeared for the defence, while Mr. A. Kanmer prosecuted.

(Itim)

Labour Exchange Clerk Guilty of Fraud

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday. — A former official of the Zichron Ya'acov Labour Exchange, Shlomo Levy, was today sentenced to 18 months' suspended imprisonment by District Court Judge E. Slonim, for having forged accounts of the Government Afforestation Department.

Levy had forged the accounts together with an Afforestation official, Moshe Teller, who was given a suspended sentence in the Magistrate's Court. For two years Levy had entered imaginary names in the pay roll, thus drawing considerable sums from the Treasury.

Judge Slonim found that the illegally-obtained money had been used to cover the workers' fares and tools lost during work.

FARM UNION OFFICIAL BEATEN UP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SABA, Monday. — Mr. Yehuda Ariel, secretary of the Agricultural Workers Union in Hadar Ramatayim, allegedly was badly beaten up in the Beit Hahistadrut today by Rahamim Shlomo, who claimed that the work allocated him was too hard. The Local Council had provided relief work involving clearing the grass from roadside ditches.

Police Seeking Dog That Bit Child

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Police have been called in to help Mr. Z. Choder trace the owner of the fox terrier which bit his two-year-old son on the beach opposite the Dan Hotel here on Friday evening.

The father has stated that his child's life is in danger, as he is too delicate to withstand the anti-rabies injections necessary unless the animal is found to be healthy.

So far there has been no response to advertisements which have appeared in a number of papers, appealing to the owner of the dog to volunteer information.

The police ask the owner to report to the nearest police station without further delay. It is pointed out that no proceedings will be taken against him. *(Itim)*

Economic Advisory Unit Winds Up Work

Most of the Council's recommendations had been implemented by the Government, though it was impossible to determine whether, in all circumstances, the initiative had come from the Council or Government Ministries. This was stated yesterday by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, at the concluding session of the Economic Advisory Council in the Prime Minister's Office.

Mr. E. Imakeen regarded as one of the Council's major achievements the cooperation on it of both the private and Histadrut sectors. "Both sides had learnt to improve the existing situation and reduce the areas of friction between the two outlooks," he said, the official communique stated.

WATER DRILLING IN NEGEV

BEERSHEBA Monday. — Water drilling by Israel Waterworks Ltd., has begun between Mashavei Sadeh and Revivim. Rotary drills are being used similar to those in operation at Kibbutz Hatzerim, where a depth of 80 metres has been reached.

CHALK-STONE LAYER FOUND AT GAN YAVNE

REHOVOT, Monday. — Drilling at the Gan Yavne site to a total of 950 metres was resumed today and the depth reached was increased by a further 30 metres when a chalk-stone layer was encountered, and penetrated for five metres. Experts at the site told *The Jerusalem Post* that the chalk-stone layer was a good omen.

Home for Capital's Lonely Gun

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The single artillery piece which was at the disposal of the Haganah in Jerusalem during the siege of 1948 is to form the focal point of a small memorial garden near Beit Hadegel.

The memorial, which will honour the capital's defenders, is to be set up by the Military Memorials Department of the Ministry of Defence.

HAR MENUHOT BECOMES PROPERTY OF JERUSALEM

The 225-dunam cemetery of Har Menuhot, near Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, was handed over to the Municipality by the Government last Thursday, the Jerusalem Municipal Commission was told at its meeting yesterday.

It is learned that the city hopes to collect IL200,000 by the new water rates system, or 12.5 per cent above the present estimated income of IL1.6m. for the 1955/56 fiscal year.

MA'BARA, VILLAGE JOINED TO REHOVOT

The 3,500 inhabitants of Kfar Gabirol and Zarnuka ma'bara yesterday became residents of Rehovot following the annexation of these settlements to the town in accordance with an order signed yesterday by Mr. Israel Rokach, the Minister of Interior.

These were the last two settlements in the Rehovot District without municipal status.

HIT BY CAR

HAIFA, Monday. — David Michaelovitz, 8, of Rehov Hagefen, was badly injured when he was hit by a car while running across the road. He was taken to Rambam Hospital in a serious condition. The driver was released on bail.

3,000 Workers Hurt On Job Monthly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 3,000 labourers are injured every month in industrial accidents, three or four of them fatally, the newly formed Institute for the Prevention of Work Accidents was told at its first meeting yesterday in Jerusalem. Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour, who presided, indicated that safety measures already in operation were satisfactorily preventing accidents.

The Institute, the establishment of which is provided for in the Work Supervision Law, 1954, is composed of 10 representatives each of workers and employers and five of the Ministry of Labour.

It was noted that since October the Law had been invoked on 50 occasions to protect workers in various plants by forcing management to adopt safety measures.

Beersheba Being Cleaned Up

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — "Operation Cleanliness" aimed at cleaning up the town will begin on Wednesday as a joint campaign of the Municipality and the Amidar housing company, it was announced here today.

Lectures will be given to all schoolchildren here about the importance of cleanliness and tidiness, and the Working Women's Council, WIZO, and other public institutions have been asked to cooperate in the three-week campaign.

Potash Works Office In Beersheba by August

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The offices of the Dead Sea Works will move here by the end of August, Rav Aluf Mordechai Makleff, the General Manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* here today. He said that only the commercial office will remain in Jerusalem.

Asked to comment on recent criticism of the company's decision to move the offices to Beersheba, Mr. Makleff said that he would have understood the objection if the move was to have been made to Tel Aviv.

A six-kilometre telephone connection has been established between the company's plant and the workers' camp.

TEL AVIV CAMP OPENING IN BAT YAM

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A camp at Bat Yam to augment those at Tel Baruch and Givat Aliya is part of the extensive plans of the Tel Aviv Municipality's programme for children during the school holidays, Dr. S. Levin, head of the Municipal Education Department, told the Press here today.

Children will be cared for in 65 places, including 16 kindergartens, throughout the city, Mr. Levin said. Some 8,000 youngsters are expected to participate in the coming holiday activities as compared with 6,000 last year. However, the Municipality must aim to include every child in the scheme in line with our democratic system of education, he declared.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR NAZI VICTIMS

A seven-man governmental medical committee has been appointed to supervise the grant of medical certificates to persons who wish to apply for compensation from Germany because of physical injury suffered while in Nazi concentration camps. *The Jerusalem Post* learns. The committee was appointed by Mr. Israel Rokach, Acting Minister of Health.

Representatives to the committee include physicians from the Ministry of Health, Kupat Holim, Malben and the Defence Forces.

ISRAEL AT F.A.O. MEETING IN ROME

ROME, Monday (INA). — A representative of Israel participated this week in meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Agricultural Committee for the first time since the FAO's plenary session last year voted that Israel should belong to the European Agricultural Committee.

It ruled that Israel should not belong to the Middle Eastern group in order to avoid "friction" with representatives from Arab states.

Mizan Gets Life in Prison For Murdering 4-Year-Old Girl

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Victor Mizan, 32 found guilty of having raped and murdered three-and-a-half-year-old Rahel Levin, was sentenced to life imprisonment by the District Court here today. The judgment identified itself with the medical testimony that the crime could only have been committed by a psychopatic personality and recalled the details of the crime and Mizan's own admission of his guilt in conversations with doctors of the Talbieh mental hospital in Jerusalem last March.

The court rejected the assertion that Mizan's statements had been made under pressure. There was absolutely no reason to believe that the accused had retreated from the world of reality and that, because of his mental illness, he was incapable of becoming subject to any external factors, the judgment said.

Scratches on Spanner

The spanner with which the victim had been beaten was marked with three scratches and had been used by Mizan when he worked in the Alko factory. It had been identified as his, after having been found near the site of the crime. It was also stated that immediately after the crime, the accused had taken his wife to Tiberias and had there thrown himself onto the grave of Maimonides and slaughtered a chicken as *kapara* (scapegoat for his sins). It appears that upon arriving in Tiberias, he and his wife lay near the grave all night long and he wept continuously.

The court stated that it had arrived at the firm belief that the accused was guilty as charged, although the act might have been committed while Mizan was of unsound mind. The act itself proved him mentally ill, but the law did not relieve all mentally ill of their responsibility, and there was nothing to show that, at the time, the accused had not been able to judge the implications of his crime.

"Worse than Dreyfus Affair"

After reading the sentence, the accused was asked if he had anything to say before judgment was pronounced. Mizan then rose and said that the court had made a serious mistake, and that, in his opinion, this was worse than the Dreyfus affair, and that even the Egyptians had not handled the Jews that way.

The President of the Court remarked that the court entertained no doubt as to the guilt of the accused and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

The Court consisted of the Relieving President of the District Court, Dr. M. Kennet, and Judges I. Zundelewicz and E. Mani. The defendant was represented by Mr. Y. A. Halk and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Deputy State Attorney, Mrs. M. Ben-Porath. *(Itim)*

STRIKE

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the various political parties to waste "fantastic sums" on election propaganda while advancing no definite proposals to improve the conditions of professional personnel.

Mr. Shmuel Shekad, an engineer in the Ministry of Interior, expressed the solidarity of his organization, the Council of Engineers, Architects, Chemists and Agronomists, which only on Sunday announced its intention of supporting the strike.

In Tel Aviv a protest meeting held at Beit Hamoreh heard speakers representing the engineers, the legal profession, doctors, chemists, dentists, laboratory workers, veterinarians and administrative workers. Dr. Y.V. Bickels, Deputy Chairman of the Medical Association, said he regretted that the professional workers had to resort to such means but no other effective means were available.

In Haifa, hundreds of academic workers crowded into Beit Harofeh hall to hear addresses by Professor H. Haimann of the Technion, Mr. L. Rabinowitz, the District Attorney, and Dr. F. Noack, Senior Medical Officer of the Haifa District and chairman of the Government Physicians Committee.

Dr. Noack quoted Mr. Y. Kanev, of Kupat Holim, as a witness to the increasing shortage of doctors to staff essential services in towns and villages — and the South African expert on public health, Dr. Nelson, who had made a survey at Government request. His conclusion was that, as a result of poor wages for doctors, Israel's public health services would soon begin to deteriorate.

Professor Heimann warned against the steady dwindling of academically trained manpower by emigration and the absence of immigration, as a result of the poor working conditions.

Mr. Rabinowitz read messages of support and solidarity from all organizations of academic workers, including Municipal, Solel Boneh and Koor engineers, who had joined the strikers.

In Hadera, Government-employed veterinary doctors protested against the delay in their grading.

Trabert Ousts Drobny, Enters Semi-Finals

WIMBLEDON, Monday (Reuter). — Tony Trabert of the U.S. today eliminated last year's champion, Yaroslav Drobny, by 8-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the men's singles' championship quarter-finals.

The 33-year-old self-exiled Czech, nowadays entered from Egypt, reproduced tennis worthy of a final, but could not win against a fitter and nimbler opponent, nine years younger. Drobny postponed an appendix operation to make his 12th visit to Wimbledon.

Other men's singles results were: Budge Patty of the U.S. beat Lewis Hoad of Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; K. Nielson of Denmark beat N. Pietrangeli of Italy, 1-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; Ken Rosewall of Australia beat S. Davidson of Sweden, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Kfar Saba Man Gets Scholarship in Canada

KFAR SABA, Monday. — A scholarship has been awarded to an Israeli. Mr. Michael Revson of Kfar Saba, as the outstanding student of the Physical Engineering Institute in Kingston University, Canada, according to a Canadian broadcast monitored here today. The scholarship amounts to $200, providing for his fourth and final year at the University. The award of scholarships for the final year is almost unprecedented, it was said.

FROUMINE'S Creme Biscuits

Young Girls Set New Swimming Records

HAIFA, Monday. — Girls of the Zevulun District Hapoel's swimming section established two new national records today.

Yardena Schaal, who is not yet 13, swam 200 metres back stroke in 3m. 07.3 sec. in a race for girls of all ages, chipping off nearly 11 seconds from her own previous record of 3m. 18.1 sec. In the 4 x 100 metres relay race, Rahel Bergstein, Yardena Schaal, Yael Yabor and Ofra Boneh set a new record of 5m. 34.1 sec. The previous record was held by Brith Maccabi Atid of Tel Aviv, 5m. 41.6 sec.

The two records were achieved today during a contest between the Zevulun District swimmers of the Hapoel club and Haifa Maccabi at the Kfar Maccabi pool.

Cables in Brief

STORM. — Two farmers were killed by lightning and millions of francs' worth of damage done to crops in a series of tremendous thunder and hail storms in Western Switzerland over the weekend.

THEATRE. — The sixth International Theatrical Congress, continuing its work in Dubrovnik yesterday, decided to set up an international theatre with headquarters in Paris.

AIR FREIGHT. — Airlines operating over the North Atlantic have agreed on new substantially cheaper cargo rates for flights between Europe and the U.S. The new rates come into operation after August 15. The agreement was announced by the International Air Transport Association.

A-BOMBS. — Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, said yesterday that he had been assured by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. John W. Allison, that the U.S. forces in Japan had no atomic bombs at present, and that they would not bring atomic bombs into Japan without first seeking her permission.

DEAD. — Russian-born Borrah Minevitch, 53, whose "harmonica rascals" entertained music hall audiences for many years, died in Paris yesterday, three weeks after he had been married. He suffered a cerebral haemorrhage on Saturday evening while driving with his wife.

PARADISE FOR FILM MAKERS

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer" should create a lot of interest abroad, Mrs. Dorothy Reid, the Hollywood scenario writer, said at a reception given to her by the General Union of Clne Technicians here tonight.

Mrs. Reid, who is concluding a two-week visit to this country as guest of the United Jewish Appeal, with Mr. Arthur Lubin, the director, to collect material for a film about Israel, described "Hill 24" as a fine production with a lot of heart which gives a good picture of what this generation of Israelis went through.

They hope to be able to start working within about a year, Mrs. Reid said. It will probably be in colour and will utilize American artists and technicians as well as local talent. She thought that Israel was a paradise for film makers.

WAR-WOUNDED ASK BIGGER BENEFITS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — On the occasion of World Ex-Serviceman's Day commemorated by 18 million demobilized soldiers, including seven million wounded in 29 countries, the Israel War-Wounded Organization yesterday published an appeal to the Israel public and the Knesset to approve radical changes in the invalid's law, which has already passed its first Knesset reading.

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Tel Aviv: British Zionist Federation Offices, 38 Rehov Hayarkon, on Monday, July 4.

WIZO IN ISRAEL
Our monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 29, at 1 p.m., at the Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv.
MRS. BRAHA HABAS-HACOHEN
the writer, wife of the former Israel Ambassador to Burma, will talk on her impressions of Burma.
Hostess: Mrs. Miriam Ben-Porath.

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Economic News from Abroad

Investment Plan for France

● Departing from the usual budgetary procedure, the National Assembly has voted Frcs. 1,186,000m. for the implementation of the second plan of modernization and equipment, covering the period 1956-1957. Frcs. 619,000m. are for electric power development, 194,200m. for agriculture, and 47,000m. for atomic energy. The conspicuous advance of the French aircraft industry is revealed in export figures of aeronautical equipment, which have risen from Frcs. 942m. in 1948 to Frcs. 5,000m. in 1954.

Japan's Export Policies

● A programme for expanding Japanese exports from $1,-620m. in the year ending last March to $1,850m. during the current year has been worked out by Japan's supreme Export Council. It envisages, among others, closer association between traders and industrialists, the supply of more credit for deferred payments, the establishment of monopoly export corporations for sewing machines, etc. On the other hand, the increased criticism levelled abroad against Japanese export policies has made Tokyo covert to more conservative practices, and it may abolish so-called linked export, under which commodities are sold abroad below cost by means of ingenious concessions on the monopoly import of sugar and other luxury goods, sold at inflated prices at home.

World's Newsprint

● This year the world production of newsprint is expected to reach 12.5 million tons, i.e., 51 per cent more than the 1935-39 average. Canada's share in the world output has declined, however, in particular in the post-war years. Between 1951 and 1955, Canadian production is expected to rise by 11 per cent, and that of the other countries by 35 per cent. The world consumption of newsprint is consistently rising by an average of five per cent a year, but here too, the U.S. is falling behind. While it absorbed 60 per cent of the world's newsprint in 1950, its share is expected to drop to 52 per cent this year.

Britain Rejects Profit Tax

● The capital gains tax, which has long been imposed in the U.S., has been rejected by the British Royal Commission on the Taxation of Profits in a recent report. The commission, appointed in 1951 by the Labour Government, found that such a tax would be difficult to administer, that it would not be entirely just and fair in application, and that it would not yield much revenue. However, the taxation of some accumulated gains, e.g., compensation paid to resigning directors, is recommended.

Booming Cyprus

● Despite its political unrest, Cyprus is now enoying an economic boom stemming from the transfer of the British Middle East Headquarters. The total outlay involved in the construction of barracks, offices, depots and airfields and in the ancillary development of roads, electricity, communications and port facilities may reach $85m. during the next ten years. The island's national income soared from approximately £100m. in 1951 to £140m. in 1954, and is expected to go up at least another 25 per cent. next year. All kinds of new industries are starting up, building activity has expanded tremendously, and military authorities are actually unable to keep to the scheduled construction rate because of shortage of labour and materials. Housing is extremely short and growing worse, and land values around Nicosia are already higher than in London. The production of spring vegetables for export and canning is also rapidly expanding, and tourism is growing steadily.

New Vigour in Canada

● After slowing down its expansion in the middle of 1954, Canada's economy is now showing signs of unprecedented vigour. Retail sales in the first quarter of 1955 were higher than a year before, and unemployment dropped to 327,000. Both the steel industry and the motor industry made considerable advances and construction ran at a record level. Power consumption rose by 15 per cent. It is likely that the national income will reach a new record this year.

Persian Oil Output

● During the first two months after the agreement with the International Oil Consortium came into effect last October, nearly 1,100m. gallons of oil were produced in Persia. The consortium paid Iran £10m. in income taxes, as well as one-eighth of the oil it produced, which the Government is free to sell directly to any country.

Thriving Industry

● According to last week's summary of the Bank for International Settlement, Britain, Italy and France reported thriving industry and rising standard of living. Gross national production rose by an average of 4% in Western Europe during 1954. The supply of local capital for investments is rising. Exports are rising over imports and sounder currencies are making it possible to lift restrictions on trade and foreign payments.

Prosperity in U.S.

● Although over-confidence is feared in some quarters, prosperity is apparent everywhere in the United States. Automakers have already rolled out their 4,000,000th car this year, and current retail trade is ranging from two to six per cent ahead of last year. The Commerce and Labour Departments predict that the boom will continue at least through 1956.

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THE long-awaited report of the Inter-Departmental Milk Inquiry Committee has at last been submitted just in time to avoid public remonstrances — and some of its recommendations, like the complete decontrol of meat, have already been put into practice. But as regards the central issue, the maximum price for liquid milk, public discussion is still going on for the committee itself was unable to arrive at a unanimous stand.

THE PRICE OF MILK

While the majority recommended the maintenance of the present price limit, Mr. U. Levi, head of the Animal Husbandry Department in the Ministry of Agriculture, advanced a series of weighty arguments in favour of its immediate increase. The abolition of the requirement that 25 per cent of all meat must be sold at official prices will result in raising dairy earnings by only two prutot per litre, he pointed out; the lower prices for imported grain may reduce production costs by another three prutot per litre, and another three prutot may be added by the proposed prolongation of the milk subsidy. Nor can farmers expect considerable profits from the free sale of fresh local butter as long as cheap American surplus butter is imported in large quantities.

On the other hand, the various measures that the committee proposed for development, improvement and selection, can result in a higher yield per milch cow and lower labour input only after several years. For the time being dairy farming is thus left with no other prospect than prolonged, though perhaps ultimately salutary, depression, at a time when its expansion already lags behind agricultural targets and the much discussed plans for establishing field-crop farms without animal husbandry apparently are being forgotten.

The importance of these arguments cannot be overlooked, but they do not amount to saying that the retail price of milk should be increased. The committee has rightly stressed the fact that even at the present price, the consumption of liquid milk in this country is stationary, i.e., that *per capita* consumption is decreasing, and recent Tnuva figures even seem to indicate a drop in overall sales. The introduction of the UNICEF bottled milk scheme, whatever its nutritional and hygienic merits, must also lead to a higher price for most consumers before long. Under these circumstances, and since the supply is still increasing, the best policy must be to aim at a maximum expansion of liquid milk consumption. And the committee is therefore in favour of the resumption of the School Milk Scheme, and its extension to the Armed Forces, to factories, etc. It also advocates the gradual modification of the existing subsidy, so as to reduce the price of milk for lower income classes, presumably under some kind of coupon scheme.

Even on purely theoretical grounds, the claim for a milk price which would be high enough to recoup the increased production costs, is less valid than commonly supposed. For what is the real cost of production of milk? On the face of it, the answer is clear: the costs calculation adopted by the Milk Committee and those that are advocated by the Cattle Growers Association differ by less than three per cent. However, new and old-time settlers' milk yields differ by as much as 100 per cent. As the share of new settlements in total milk output is on the increase, the representative cost per litre, and with it the relative profits of experienced producers, should therefore rise even at stable prices and wages.

But if cost calculation is not to be representative in this strict sense, the committee can rightly base its calculations on the standard attained by the most efficient producers in order to promote emulation in the industry. As a matter of fact, "average cost calculation" has long failed to provide a practical yardstick in dairy farming, and in future the calculations of price and subsidies will have to pay more attention to cost differentials.

Farm Development Behind Target

Resources Diverted; Long-Term Programmes Neglected

By a Special Correspondent

DESPITE increased budgetary allocations to agriculture and very favourable weather, the actual development of the existing labour farms and settlements lagged 30-40 per cent behind the original targets last year, figures compiled by the Joint Planning Centre show. The main shortcomings were the delays in financial arrangements with the Treasury, which caused many farms to suspend or curtail the heavy investments required for expanding irrigation and shortage of bank credits and circulating capital.

It is partly due to this credit squeeze that farmers were prone to divert their resources to branches promising the quickest turnover and the best short-run earnings, neglecting long-term development programmes. Many plans were also wrecked by lack of skilled labour, in particular for the crops that have been introduced recently. Thus, the actual water consumption of the established farms was 470m. cu. m. though the potential supply was 600m. Plantings of vines and carobs were scarcely half of what had been envisaged, and citrus and bananas only 70 per cent. The dairy branch grew by 4.5 per cent instead of 9-10 per cent, since the milk price is controlled in order not to interfere with the cost-of-living index, and high free market prices are paid for cattle. Marketing difficulties and lack of experience also slowed the expansion of sugar-beet, groundnuts and sheep. Poultry and fishbreeding were the only branches that surpassed planning targets.

This year (1954/55), the water consumption of the established labour farms *(moshavim* and *kibbutzim)* is likely to increase to 550-560m. cu.m., and water use is expected to be more efficient too. Among the field crops, most of the newly irrigated area is to be allocated to grain and fodder crops, while industrial crops (cotton, groundnuts, sugarbeet) will take up less than one-fifth.

Vegetables, which two years ago occupied 41 per cent of the total irrigated area, will drop to 35 per cent this year, and this tendency is expected to gather strength in the future. On the other hand, targets for new fruit trees have been raised for this year, in particular for citrus new groves are expected to be planted on 12,700 dunams compared with 11,000 dunams last year. The target for bananas is 15 per cent above last year, and for grapes 100 per cent.

It is not yet clear to what extent the drought and the persistent credit shortage have kept the farms from attaining these well-meant objectives. There is no doubt, however, that the targets set for dairy cattle (3,400 more heads, i.e., 13 per cent) will not be reached this year, because no care has been taken to improve this industry's earning capacity. Beef cattle raising, however, is expected to treble and even farms that have no natural pasture will take it up. Sheep raising, on which such high hopes had been placed two years ago, continues to be handicapped by marketing difficulties (both for mutton and for milk) and a shortage of skilled instructors. Poultry raising and fish breeding, on the other hand, are expected to continue their triumphant advance despite all the misgivings of agricultural experts.

Manpower Shortage

The plan takes in 341 settlements. Another 400 villages still depend on outside work and various kinds of subsidies for their income. Here, too, about 30 per cent of the water supplied by Mekorot last year went unused because of manpower shortage, technical and administrative failures and lack of interest on the part of settlers, who in many cases preferred to earn their living by working for wages. This year (1954/55), the irrigated field crops area in these villages is expected to increase by some 60,000 dunams, i.e., over 20 per cent, of which over one half will be accounted for by middle-class settlements and administrative estates. By far most small holder farms and *kibbutzim* will still have less irrigated land than is required.

In this category of settlements, the branch to benefit most from the expansion of irrigation is vegetable growing, followed by green fodder and summer grains. Cotton and other industrial crops, though rapidly expanding, are impeded by the small size of most of the farms, which does not allow efficient cultivation methods. The planting of citrus and other fruit trees is advancing more or less according to schedule, and 26,000 dunams are to be added this year compared with 42,000 in the old settlements. The dairy herd is also increasing at a rate of at least 15 per cent a year and the number of milch cows is already over one-third of the country's total, though their yield is relatively low. Poultry raising has not played an important role as a source of income for these young settlements so far, but it is to be considerably expanded this year to include 1m. laying hens and half-a-million table fowl.

Cotton Culture Strikes Snag

DESPITE the brilliant agricultural success of cotton in Israel, progress is endangered by marketing difficulties. One-third of last year's crop is still unsold and prospects for the next year are also unfavourable, it is reliably reported. Although the local spinneries had undertaken to take specified quotas of the cotton and to pay for it in cash (even agreeing to give a 10 per cent advance) few lived up to their promises although the quality of the cotton proved to be beyond expectations. Out of the 280 tons that were ginned only 190 tons were taken up, and largely paid for after delivery.

Ata, which was to have taken one-third of the total, postponed its purchases under the pretext that the quantity was too small to allow the regular mass production of uniform fabrics. Other factories claim to have reduced their cotton consumption because of competing cotton yarn imports, though it is pointed out that the total local output of raw cotton constitutes but some 6 per cent of the country's annual consumption this year. Local cotton has been priced at IL2.250 per kg., compared with $1.00-1.05 for raw American cotton of a similar grade, but part of the price difference is offset by the higher purity of the local produce.

Twenty-three thousand dunams are under cotton this year, and doing very well. At least 2,000 tons of ginned product are expected, which would make up almost 40 per cent of the total consumption. Picking starts in August, and the cotton will be ready for delivery beginning in October—yet enough orders have been placed in the U.S. and in Turkey by the spinners to cover their requirements at least through the end of December.

Since preliminary negotiations with spinners have not led to definite results, farmers now demand that priority be given to local produce and that 700 tons of cotton that were recently purchased in Turkey be stored and remain unallocated until the local crop has been disposed of. The matter is to be discussed shortly by the Treasury, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which will evolve a unified policy.

STEEL IMPORTS

IMPORTS of steel sheets, rods and angles from Germany totalled 10,000 tons during the ten weeks ending June 8 and 4,000 tons more will be imported up to the end of the month, the Shilumim Corporation states. In addition, 23,000 tons of steel billets have been supplied for the Acre rolling mill.

Out of the processed steel imported, about 3,000 tons were delivered to the "Agish" association of private importers, 650 tons to "Hamashbir" and "Solel-Boneh," 650 tons to the Manufacturers Association, 780 tons to the Building Contractors Organization, and 2,400 tons to the Government, the Jewish Agency, Palestine Electric and Malben. The rest is largely unallocated.

Bank Credits Expansion

TOTAL bank credits at the end of 1954 were IL256m. compared with IL222m. at the end of 1953, i.e., an increase of 14 per cent, but in the meantime about IL30m. in credits to the Government were switched to the Bank of Israel and there was a slight drop in loans to municipalities, so that ordinary credits increased by IL62m. i.e., 27 per cent. For the same period, cooperative societies show a rise of IL30m., i.e., over 40 per cent of their credit balance at the beginning of the year.

During the first four months of 1955, however, the volume of bank credits remained almost stationary despite the continuing increase in deposits and, as a result, there was a persistent rise in the rate of bank liquidity. By the end of April, it was almost 40 per cent compared with less than 36 per cent at the end of December. Only loans financed by the Development budget continued to advance rapidly (from IL62m. to IL74m.). In cooperative societies loans for settlement of income tax debts rose by 80 per cent reaching IL9.6m., this year, but regular credits dropped somewhat and liquidity rose to the same level as in the banks.

80 Per Cent Increase

Agriculture, of course, is the ranking beneficiary of the credit expansion of 1954. Farm credits increased by IL26m., i.e., by over 50 per cent, the bulk going to mixed farming and plantations other than citrus. Loans to cattle breeders rose by 80 per cent, and fisheries were granted IL1.8m. on account of the new vessels received from Germany.

Much of this expansion has been financed by the Government-owned agricultural Bank, which was allocated IL4m. out of the last Development Budget and is to get IL4m. more out of the current one. But control of bank credits has also played a part. However, loans to "land settlement institutions," i.e., mainly to the Jewish Agency, diminished by IL2.2m. (12 per cent). This is rather remarkable, as at the same time the Agency has made an earnest effort to reduce its floating indebtness.

For most other branches of economic activity, the credit volume expanded by approximately one-third, and if the modest rise in prices is taken into account, the real expansion may be estimated at about one-quarter. However, this average does not reflect the many differences between the various branches. Thus, loans to public utilities (mainly electricity and water,) presumably jumped from IL 4.9 m. to IL 8.3 m., credit to the oils and fats industry doubled (in connection with the new policy of bigger raw material stocks), loans to the textile industry increased by half, and to the diamond industry by 60 per cent. Food, building materials and, paradoxically, the chemical industry did not get much new credit, and transport even got somewhat less. Loans to commerce, both wholesale and retail, rose by slightly over one quarter, and loans to professional and individual clients by slightly less.

Credit for buildings under construction expanded in the middle of 1954, but afterwards was frowned at by the monetary authorities with the result that the total expansion was IL8m. (37 per cent). Because of the changes introduced in the statistical pattern, unfortunately, no similar breakdown can be made for the cooperative societies. It is of interest, however, that according to the new computations, housing accounted for 23 per cent of their credit at the end of 1954.

While the continuing increase in deposits has been largely sterilized by their concentration in the Bank of Israel (deposits of banking institutions there jumped from IL32m. to over IL70m. during the first five months of this year) the velocity of money circulation was higher than a year earlier. The annual turnover rate of bank deposits was 10 during the first two months of 1955 compared with 17.8 during the corresponding months of 1954, and the volume of cheque clearings during the first quarter of the year showed a rise of 15 per cent. It is also to be borne in mind that the big jump in the money circulation did not take place until April.

New Luxury Grand Hotel

By Our Economic Correspondent

WITH the opening of the new luxury Accadia Grand Hotel near Herzliya, we are called upon to learn a few new lessons and to meet new challenges. Tel Aviv and its neighbourhood now boasts of four hotels of international standard, and the Accadia can well compete with the most comfortable and the most modern establishments of this sort anywhere. It takes full advantage of its location at the seashore and of its modern equipment, and the visitor is promised not only comfortable accommodation and good food but sport facilities, club rooms, expert care for children, etc.

Local Talent

It is a pleasant surprise for the visitor that this country can provide not only the architects and the interior decorators for such an establishment but also the craftsmen for the thousand and one jobs which call for excellent work and minute attention to detail. Plastics and textiles, wood-work and glass-panelling, the varied forms of lighting and tiling, and—last but not least— the landscaping, are of a very high standard of planning and execution. It is useful to know this as once a certain standard is reached, we can insist on it in other places and fight sloppy finish and careless handling of material everywhere.

We are able to build a place like the Accadia — though with foreign money and some outside know-how — but now we shall have to show that we can also make it pay. An enterprise like this — and the other high-class hotels — means invisible exports. It is built for tourists, and it caters for a standard which is much higher than Israel can afford. And this is where we find ourselves in a vicious circle. The high-class establishments are meant to attract a certain class of tourists who will not visit us as long as they do not find the comfort to which they are accustomed. But as long as these tourists do not come in sufficient numbers, the hotels cannot make a profit. They must reckon with very high amortization and overhead.

Visible Exports

Now, not only these invisible exports, but many of our visible exports as well, are in this position. They can compete abroad only if they get an official subsidy in one form or another or if the domestic market pays for the difference. We have become used to the thought that we shall have to pay high prices for a number of consumers goods so as to subsidize our exports. But the case of the high-class hotels is even more complicated than that of other export. As long as our tourist season is short, the only way to keep the hotels filled is to attract a local clientele. This means, however, getting them used to a standard which only very few can or should afford. In a country which should save all it can for productive investment, it is already difficult to make consumer goods expensive in order to subsidize export prices. It is obviously much more dangerous to stimulate the consumption of luxury goods—such as a stay in a grand hotel—in order to cover this visible export.

There is another and more subtle problem. Many customers in luxury establishment pay for their stay out of their expense account. As long as only private enterprises do this, nothing much more is involved than relatively higher deductions from income tax. But we know that public and semi-public circles, too, gravitate towards these luxury places once they are there. And these circles set the standard for the sections of society which follow the principle of "conspicuous consumption." The past few years have shown a continuous drift towards higher entertainment standards which are in contrast to the need for saving, or investment.

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Continues Weak

TEL Aviv's downward trend continues with very few exceptions, such as Mivo Hova—still outside the Stock Exchange list—which recuperated from its recent low of 60% and gained some three points during the week.

Sterling-linked securities suffered in particular, with the Palestine Electric Second Preferred losing between six and eight points. Palestine Cold Storage shares receded by seven points, and Tavel Dollar, ILDC, Ata, Kurdaneh, Moller-Dee, Nesher and a number of others were lower than the previous week. The gains as in Bizur and Rassco debentures and Tuva stock were limited to one or two points. The market was very thin and sometimes even the smallest offers brought prices down.

It appears that the cash shortage is still the main reason for this protracted downward trend. Now that a new Palestine Electric debenture issue is expected, investors are probably waiting for it and seem even more reluctant to enter the market.

Wall Street Booming As Never Before

THE New York Stock Market closed steady at week's end after some irregularity. Despite some corrective profit-taking and other selling the Dow Jones average for industrials has hit a new all-time record at 448.93 as against 444.09 last week, while the average for rails was 162.30 as against 161.38.

London Advances Sharply, Rests

MANY fresh bulls appeared on the London market during the week. Most attention was attracted by industrials, which went from strength to strength, slowing down toward week's end; only gilt-edgeds were neglected. Reuter's industrial index closed at 259.0 after 263.8 a day before, as compared with 253.0 last week. It is estimated that American trust companies and individual investors have bought some £20m. worth of ordinary British shares in the past month.

Alexandria Futures to Reopen

THE Egyptian Government has decided to reopen the futures market in cotton in September in order to stimulate cotton exports and spur cooperation with the Liverpool cotton market, which is expected to start trading futures simultaneously. December is to be the first delivery month.

After falling more or less steadily for nine months, cocoa prices advanced considerably last week as the crop in Brazil appears to be late and some sellers are short.

To counteract the refusal of coffee consumers to pay extravagant prices, an agreement between Brazil and Columbia and other producers is intended to divide up export quotas. Surplus should, according to the agreement, be held in reserve by the producers under the aegis of the proposed International Coffee Bureau. The African and Asian producers are being invited to join the scheme. Although no range of prices has been mentioned, the aim is evidently to maintain prices at about the present level: 84c a pound for Santos 4's. In the meantime, Brazil's surplus is over 6m. bags, nearly twice as much as a year ago.

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3½% Gov. Bds. (Large)	99½
4% Reg. Sterling "A" £)	92
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	92½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. I	88½
Pal. Leased ord. sh. £)	99½
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B" £)	109½
Gazit ord. sh. "B" £)	101½
Elbox's Inv. ord. "B"	103½
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	100½
Geo. Harry. Bk. ord. sh.	81
Bizur 6% Debs. 51/58	99
Hir 6% Debs. (Tear)	99½
5% pref. sh.	74
Paas 6% debs. 52/54 reg.	86
"Inva" 6% debs.	84
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	137½
5% debs.	97½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	93½
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	91½
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	97½
"A" ord. shares	103
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Im.)	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Lds)	97½
Mekoreth pref. sh.	99½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	127½
6-8% conv. debs.	94
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" sh.	130½
7% conv. debs. 59/62	103½
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg. £	100
Pal.-Brewery 6% conv. sh.	93½
Assh. Refineries "B" sh.	103
"Tavel" ord. sh.	113
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	110
6% debs. "B" a)c)d)	121½
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs. e)	103
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	—
Pal. Comp. Tr. 6% debs.	95

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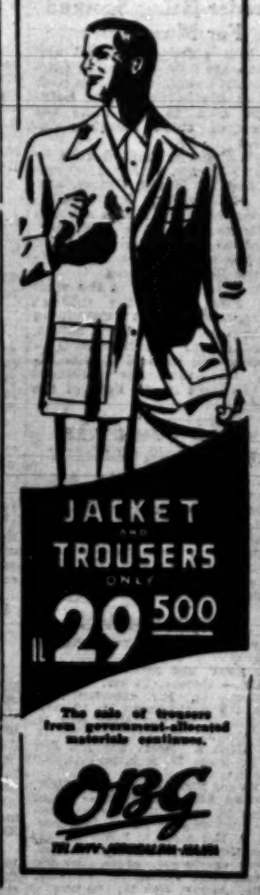

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Readers' Letters

"MIKDAMA" LOTTERY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Special Popular Loan was passed by the Knesset on August 1954, following the draft laid before the House by the Government.

The Law gives every person the opportunity to choose between participation in the lottery or a certificate bearing a 2 per cent interest. (Article 7 and 18 of the Special Popular Loan Law of September 3, 1954, Sefer Ha-Hukkim No. 284). A certain percentage of the persons who acquired the certificates chose the second alternative and interest-bearing certification, but the majority chose certificates of the other kind, therefore there is no basis for the argument that people were compelled to participate in the lottery.

In regard to public criticism that the lottery did not give an equal chance to every certificate-holder experts who examined the lottery system come to the conclusion that it did guarantee to all an equal chance of winning.

As for the complaints regarding the technical arrangements of the lottery, the Ministry of Finance is now reviewing the legal framework for possible changes in the regulations for forthcoming lotteries.

Yours, etc.
S. AMIR
Ministry of Finance
Jerusalem, June 24.

ELEVEN-DOLLAR BILLS

Curious freak dollar bills bearing the denomination of $10 on one side and $1 on the other as the result of a printing mistake are now in circulation in New York. The Treasury will redeem them only for their face value of $10, but numismatists and collectors of currency freaks will pay $100 for them. As the currency is printed in sheets of 18 and three freaks have been traced, there are still 15 persons who stand to win an unearned bonus. (OPNI)

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